

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, RECORDED FOR HIS WEEKLY  
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MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS:

This is a time of year when Senators and Representatives/need to be especially alert. This session of Congress is rapidly drawing to a close, which means that there is a great flow of legislation/to be considered in a short time. There never was a situation/in which the old saying, "Haste makes waste," seemed more appropriate. Quick compromises may save time, but they may also result in hastily conceived provisions in our laws/which are harmful to the nation.

One such hastily passed bill was the omnibus housing bill, which I discussed with you on this program last week. In its original form, it was unacceptable to a number of Senators. Proponents of the bill, in their eagerness to have it passed, quickly agreed to a number of amendments, and some of them were inserted into the bill without even being read.

I was glad to have been able/to detect one hidden provision in the bill/which would have enabled the integrationists/to infiltrate private residential sections/with one and two-family units of public housing/for the purpose of race-mixing. My amendment to remove this provision of the bill/was quickly accepted. However, the bill was passed much too quickly. Any bill involving the expenditure of billions of dollars/should be considered most carefully before being enacted.

I wish that some of my colleagues/would be as zealous in



urging prompt consideration of some of the other important bills /  
on the Senate calendar.

The Jenner Bill, to limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, was approved by the Judiciary Committee in April, but no action has been taken by the Senate. I reminded the Senate this week / that this important bill was still pending, and urged that it be scheduled for early consideration.

No issue before the Senate is more important / than those issues concerned with the preservation / of our American Constitution.

Consideration has also been delayed on the farm bill, which was to have come before the Senate early in the week. I am urging the majority leader to schedule this bill for consideration / at the earliest possible moment, so that it may be approved in time for it to be considered / by the House of Representatives at this session.

The Senate farm bill is, necessarily, a bill which is a compromise between the many points of view / which exist in Congress on farm legislation. The provision concerned with cotton price supports and acreage allotments / would permit individual producers to increase acreage allotments by 40 per cent / if they would accept a price support reduction amounting to 15 per cent of parity.

Legislation is urgently needed / to enable the farmer to obtain <sup>sufficient</sup> the income / to put his standard of living more nearly on a par / with that of <sup>other</sup> industrial workers.

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During the week, I went with a delegation of South Carolinians / to call on the Secretary of Agriculture. We pointed out / that



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there is no price support program/for loose-leaf flue-cured tobacco/sold in markets in the North Carolina-South Carolina belt, but that <sup>kind of</sup> this tobacco is supported in Georgia and Florida.

Despite the discriminatory nature of this procedure, the Department announced last Thursday/that it would continue its program as in the past. I am studying the problem/to see whether remedial legislation is feasible.

Our tobacco farmers in South Carolina/deserve the same treatment/that is being accorded tobacco farmers in Georgia and Florida.

I wish to thank this station for granting me this time each week, and thank you for listening.

This is Strom Thurmond in Washington.

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